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Senate Resolution 110

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and honoring Gordon Pirkle; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon Pirkle was born on December 27, 1936, in Dawson County,
- 3 Georgia, a seventh generation Dawson County resident; and he graduated from Dawson
- 4 County High School in 1955 and was united in marriage to Idilene Bennett in 1961; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Gordon Pirkle has long been recognized by the citizens of Dawson County and
- 6 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
- 7 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
- 9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced by his record of
- superlative service as chairman of the Georgia Amusement and Music Operators Association,
- 11 charter member of the Dawson County Jaycees, executive leader of the Star Bright
- 12 Foundation and KARE For Kids, organizer of the Mountain Moonshine Festival, and
- 13 substantial supporter of the Partners in Education and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society;
- 14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon Pirkle is a remarkable entrepreneur and business leader as
- demonstrated by his opening the Lanier Vending Company, Inc., and the Dawsonville Pool
- 17 Room and his operation of the Corner Café and The Champions Café; and
- WHEREAS, Gordon Pirkle is a devoted husband to his wife Idilene and loving father to their
- 19 four children, Lawton, Frankie, Hayley, and Gordon Jr., and a proud grandfather and
- 20 great-grandfather to his 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and
- 21 WHEREAS, his significant leadership talents and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
- 22 of his community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
- associates as demonstrated by his receipt of many awards and recognitions, including an

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1 award of appreciation from the Bill Elliott and Coors Melling Race Team, the Leader of the

- 2 Year award from the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, and an honorary Key to the
- 3 City of Dawsonville; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman is a person of magnanimous strengths and, by the
- 5 example he has made of his life, he makes this world a better place in which to live; and on
- 6 December 27, 2006, he enjoyed the distinction of celebrating his 70th birthday.
- 7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 8 commend Gordon Pirkle for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service;
- 9 congratulate him upon the occasion of his 70th birthday; and extend to him their most sincere
- best wishes for continued health and happiness.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gordon Pirkle.